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EXHIBIT E.
LETTER OF EXPLANATION.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.
OFFICE OF TRAFFIC AUDITOR,
MONTREAL, 25th February, 1884.

DEAR SIR,—Replying to your favor of 22nd inst., of the 14,324 European passengers arriving at Quebec and Halifax, 9,066 left Canada at Sarnia, the remainder leaving at other frontier ports. The greater number (1,146) of the 1,535 passengers from Europe, *via* the United States to Canada, entered at Suspension Bridge.

Yours truly,

T. B. HAWSON.
Traffic Auditor,

J. LOWE, Esq.,
Department of Agriculture,
Ottawa,

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EXHIBIT F.
REPORT OF A CUSTOM'S OFFICER.

CUSTOMS HOUSE,
POINT EDWARD 23rd November, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—With respect to yours of the 2nd, I beg to report that I have given the matter very careful attention. I have been in the baggage room during the time the United States Officers were examining baggage, for ten nights, and am quite certain that I was able to note every instance where there was an entry.

I find that there were forty-seven entries for the ten nights. The quantity of baggage was from fifty pieces some nights, to 100 pieces other times.

The mode of procedure was for the officer to take a memo. of the value of the goods and name of the party, and charge 70 cents. No other questions of any kind are asked. So that in the case of a settler's entry, they have no statistics to show that there were more than one in a family. There has been, until the last four days, a morning train crossing from here, and I have ascertained from one of the American officers that there are not as many settlers by that train as by the evening one.

You will readily understand that United States Customs have no means whatever of ascertaining the numbers in family, destination or occupation, as the *only two questions* asked are names and valuation of goods. I noticed that they took entries from passengers who had two or three old blankets and a quilt or two, when in similar cases we paid no attention to such small lots of household goods.

No doubt when you quoted 90 cents in your report as the fee charged, you were correct, as this charge is regulated by the Treasury Department, and has varied from 60 cents to \$1.20.

I am, dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
J. C. COLLIER,
Officer of Customs.

JOHN LOWE, Esq.,
Secretary, Department of Agriculture,
Ottawa.